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UM EXPERTS PRESENT INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROGRAM IN CHINA

MISSOULA —

Two University of Montana professors recently completed a two-week lecture series in China. They are David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel and law school faculty member, and Terry Weidner, Asian studies professor and director of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.

The two lectured about World Trade Organization legal and policy issues involving China. Their trip was funded by a grant from the U.S.-China Business Council Legal Cooperation Fund, with additional support from the All China Youth Federation.

The faculty members conducted programs in Beijing, Urumqi in far western China, Yinchuan in the northwest and Fujian province on China's southeast coast.

"As someone who has been practicing and teaching international law for nearly 25 years," Aronofsky said, "I found it especially exciting to be in China at this particular time because we were able to see firsthand two major international trade disputes involving Chinese textile products arise and get resolved while we were there."

Also participating in the program was Chinese-American lawyer Jianyi Zhang, a former Chinese diplomat who has directed Wal-Mart's Asia legal activities for the past several years.

Aronofsky said the program encompassed a broad range of issues, including the WTO's

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history, structure and dispute resolution process; U.S. political dynamics leading to China's WTO membership; various WTO legal cases; practical business law considerations related to China's opening of its markets; and current textile products and currency valuation disputes involving China, the United States and the European Union.

"China has changed and is changing dramatically in all respects," Weidner said.

"Western China, where UM will be sending two groups of Montana school teachers and professors during the next 12 months, has undergone substantial economic development and is now as modern as most places in the world."

The UM professors spent time in Xiamen exploring the development of new UM academic programs related to the possible future opening of a UM campus in that city. They said they were impressed with how well Muslim and ethnic Chinese get along and collaborate in that western region of the country.

The U.S.-China Business Council comprises many leading private-sector companies with significant business activities in China. The council's Legal Cooperation Fund was formed to develop rule-of-law knowledge and programs in China.

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